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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 7.1% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 28, 1988 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 7.1 percent to 32.9 billion revenue passenger miles in September, and the number of passengers reached 33.9 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 4.1 percent in September over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 1.1 percent. Passengers increased 4.2 percent to 30.9 million, while load factor was 58.2 percent, up from 56.4 percent for September a year ago.

In international service, traffic in September climbed 16.5 percent, and available seat miles rose 15.5 percent. Passengers increased 12.4 percent to 3 million, and the load factor amounted to 68.3 percent compared to 67.7 percent last year.

For the first nine months of 1988, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 3.6 percent to 313.1 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 327.6 million from 326.3 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 4.1 percent, and the load factor amounted to 63.5 percent versus 63.8 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1988 - 1987

	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	29,653	30,897	4.2	303,095	301,193	(0.6)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,482,399	24,454,858	4.1	242,013,492	242,479,044	0.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,611,581	42,052,295	1.1	383,720,079	389,661,328	1.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	56.4	58.2		63.1	62.2	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,677	3,008	12.4	23,197	26,390	13.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,261,184	8,462,213	16.5	60,201,016	70,634,241	17.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,730,748	12,397,089	15.5	89,939,620	103,185,959	14.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	67.7	68.3		66.9	68.4	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,330	33,905	4.9	326,292	327,583	0.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	30,743,583	32,917,071	7.1	302,214,508	313,113,285	3.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	52,342,329	54,449,384	4.0	473,659,699	492,847,287	4.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.7	60.5		63.8	63.5	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTIAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.